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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNDERWATER EXPLOSIVES IN ALEXANDRIA HARBOR

REF: (A) CAIRO 14547, (B) ALEXANDRIA 950

1. AT MY REQUEST, DATT AGAIN RAISED WITH DMI, SEPTEMBER 6, OUR CONCERN RE UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS IN ALEXANDRIA HARBOR. DMI ASKED IF US VESSELS COULD PROVIDE THEIR OWN SECURITY IF EGYPTIAN ACTIVITIES WERE TO CEASE. DATT TOLD HIM WE COULD UNDERSTAND GOE DESIRE PROTECT ALEXANDRIA HARBOR, BUT PRESENT GOE SECURITY PROCEDURES ARE SUCH THAT THEY THREATEN TO DAMAGE VESSEL HULLS AND/OR INSTRUMENTATION. COULD CHARGES NOT BE DROPPED AT SOME DISTANCE REMOVED FROM VESSELS? DMI WAS DISINCLINED TO YIELD, BUT DID AGREE TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PROXIMITY PROBLEM THROUGH RELOCATION OF CHARGES.

2. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS ARE CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE THREAT OF LIBYAN FROGMEN, A CONCERN WHICH WE HAVE TO ACCEPT. NOTWITHSTANDING, DMI HAS AGAIN BEEN MADE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN ALONG WITH OUR SUGGESTION OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WOULD PREVENT US VESSELS FROM BEING DAMAGED. AM ASKING ALUSNA MAKE
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SAME POINT TO EGYPTIAN CNO IN NEXT MEETING.

3. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION AND LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANY IMPROVEMENT OR IF IT REMAINS THE SAME.
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